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| 10/779,470 | 02/13/2004 | Frank Hofmann | 0329-0055 |

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

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| TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application Number | 10/779,470 |
| | Filing Date | February 13, 2004 |
| | First Named Inventor | Frank Hofmann |
| | Art Unit | 3676 |
| | Examiner Name | |
| Total Number of Pages in This Submission | Attorney Docket Number | 0329-0055 |

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| Application Number | 10/844,042 |
| Filing Date | May 12, 2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Gert Mucke, et al. |
| Examiner Name | |
| Art Unit | |
| Attorney Docket No. | 0329-0058 |

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 1001 750 | 2001 375 | Utility filing fee | 770.00 |
| 1002 330 | 2002 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 520 | 2003 260 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 750 | 2004 375 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | | (\$ 770.00 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 11 | -20** = 0 | 18.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 | -3** = 0 | 86.00 | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 84 | 2201 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 280 | 2203 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 84 | 2204 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | 130.00 |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 410 | 2252 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 930 | 2253 465 | Extension for reply within third month | 420.00 |
| 1254 1,450 | 2254 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 1,970 | 2255 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 320 | 2401 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 320 | 2402 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 280 | 2403 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,300 | 2501 650 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 470 | 2502 235 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 750 | 2809 375 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 750 | 2810 375 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 750 | 2801 375 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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